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Canadians lift lid on cyber spy ring

REPORT Toronto's Munk Center for International Studies, in a report to The New York Times, says they have uncovered a vast global electronic spying operation

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Toronto-based singer Lights holds up her award after winning new artist of the year during the Juno Awards last night in Vancouver. Rock band Nickelback was the big winner, taking home three trophies. Coverage, pg 12

Lights On

Hospital gets \$10M for plans

Queensway-Carleton grant to ready \$100M project for tender

KATHRYN YOUNG
for Metro Ottawa

Wait times for cancer treatment, surgery, dialysis and diagnostic services will be reduced, provincial cabinet minister Jim Watson promised yesterday as he announced \$10 million for the Queensway-Carleton Hospital to help plan the third stage of its expansion.

The expansion includes 40 per cent more operating rooms, another MRI machine, another CT scanner, a new dialysis facility, a new addition that will boost hospital space by 35 per cent and renovations to the older areas built in 1976, said Watson, MPP for Ottawa West Nepean and minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

"This funding is important to get Phase 3 off the ground," Watson said. "All the pieces of the puzzle have to fit and as we expand the cancer centre operation we have to ensure we have all the other ancillary serv-

ices that go to, in essence, complement the expansion of the cancer treatment."

The cancer centre is under construction on the Queensway-Carleton Hospital campus and is scheduled to open in November.

Hospital president Tom Schonberg said it's more challenging to renovate an existing building than to build new, so the \$10-million planning grant will help finalize plans and drawings, allowing the \$100-million project to go to tender by the end of 2009.

"This is absolutely critical to twin the engine and the body to be in synch," Schonberg said. While the cancer centre will allow more people to be treated for breast, prostate and colorectal cancers, "what we desperately need is additional diagnostic capabilities."

The expansion will increase the hospital's capacity for breast imaging, ultrasound and nuclear medicine which will help diagnose patients earlier on in their disease.

'Brown bag it,' settle in for free Genie flicks all week

SCREENINGS Genie Week in Ottawa began with enthusiastic crowds at several weekend film screenings and is expected to continue through to the awards ceremony on Saturday at the Canada Aviation Museum.

Free lunch-hour screen-

ings of Canada's best short film documentaries start today and run all week except Thursday at the National Library and Archives at 395 Wellington St.

"Brown bag it. Bring your lunch," said Marilyne Guèvremont, media rela-

tions officer for the National Capital Commission, which is helping run the events.

Starting at noon, members of the public can see 90 minutes worth of short films nominated for Best Live Action Short Drama and Best Animated Short.

People in the area of LeBreton Flats at night should keep an eye open for gigantic projections of the Genie logo on the Canadian War Museum and the Willson Carbide building on Victoria Island, Guèvremont said.

The screening of Pass-

chendaele on Saturday at the war museum was full, and another screening on Friday at the Diefenbunker (Canada's Cold War Museum) has already sold out.

"Turnout has been amazing," she said. KATHRYN YOUNG/
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Contestants on today's Wheel of Fortune game show at 5:30 p.m. on CBC will have a chance to win a six-night stay at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel. Ottawa Tourism officials eagerly negotiated the prize since it involves video footage of the city shown while the prize is described. **METRO OTTAWA**

Local



Double-decker buses rolling out

OC Transpo's new double-decker buses will begin rolling through the east Transit Way today. The double-deckers will serve route 94 between Tunney's Pasture and Millennium Park. Mayor Larry O'Brien, OC Transpo general manager Alain Mercier, Coun. Alex Cullen, chair of the transit committee, will officially bring the buses into service this afternoon when they take a trip from Blair to Mackenzie King Stations.

METRO OTTAWA

Renovation season upon us

Thousands flock to Ottawa Home and Garden Show over the weekend

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A poor economy may have fewer people considering new homes, but area renovators are gearing up for another busy season.

An unofficial housing industry survey states that whenever people stop buying new homes, they begin to invest in their old ones.

"That's usually what happens when the economy slows down. People renovate their homes instead of buying them," said Ron Theriault, owner of Embrun-based Elicor Developments. "That's usually the way it goes and it looks like we're following that pattern."

Thousands of Ottawa residents poured into the Ottawa Home and Garden Show this weekend looking for ideas and deals for future and more pressing projects.

"Our en-suite bathroom is completely torn apart right now. It's just plywood and dust," said Richmond resident Roy Sunstrum, who was shopping for a new shower head. "We've done all that work ourselves."

Sunstrum does "lots of renovations on an on-going basis" and while incentives like the federal government's Home Renovation Tax Credit would not



Richmond resident Roy Sunstrum inspects a Thunderhead shower fixture while at the Ottawa Home and Garden Show yesterday at Lansdowne Park.

affect his plans, he welcomes the rebate.

"I wish we could have got that credit last year, when we changed all our windows," said Marc Godin. "It's probably not going to make much differ-

ence this year."

Godin said he will replace gutters and work on his backyard, but the tax credit would not be a big enough return to encourage any bigger projects.

While it's nice to get

\$1,350 back at tax time, that amount won't make a difference when considering big projects like rebuilding kitchens or having an addition put onto the house, people said.

"It's not the deal break-

er," said Stephanie Harper, a project consultant with OakWood.

"I think that tax credit will be specifically for the guy that's going to change his flooring or put a new roof on his house."

Impact of bigger city in spotlight

FORUM An urban Ottawa city councillor is hosting a public forum tonight to discuss the impacts that amalgamation has had.

Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet will moderate the discussion in council chambers starting at 7 p.m. Jim McKenzie, director of the Carleton Landowners' Association, will be one of the panelists. The CLA is group of rural residents advocating for a split between the rural and urban areas of the city.

Ottawa-Carleton School Board Trustees Pam Fitzgerald and Jennifer McKenzie will also be on the panel, as well as Adam Found, a member of a consulting team for two recent de-amalgamation proposals in Ontario.

Doucet recently suggested that the city consider de-amalgamation following a number of city council decisions where it appeared rural councillors voted in a block opposing urban councillors.

METRO OTTAWA

NCC continues to buy up local land

PURCHASE The National Capital Commission has bought up 6.65 hectares of privately owned land in the last six months within the boundaries of Gatineau Park and has approved the purchase of a further two hectares.

METRO OTTAWA

News in brief

FUNDING Green and economically friendly at the same time? A University of Ottawa team is getting \$5 million to develop policies to promote products and choices that make environmental sense as well as economic sense. "It is possible to have both a healthy economy and a healthy environment, but only if the right policy and economic signals are in place," said law professor Stewart Elgie, head of the Sustainable Prosperity Research and Policy Network. The Sustainable Prosperity Research Policy Network will receive the grant money as part of Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty's promise during last week's provincial budget announcement to invest in initiatives that "grow a greener economy."

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Ottawa on par for Earth Day drop

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ENERGY Earth Hour is not a competition to see who can turn the most lights off, but if it were, Ottawa would be keeping pace with the rest of the province.

According to the Independent Electricity System Operator, demand in Ontario was reduced by more than six per cent or 920 megawatts as a result of Earth Hour on Saturday night.

Hydro Ottawa is reporting that it recorded a six per cent drop in consumption compared to the same

hour on the previous Saturday, which is two per cent lower than the inaugural Earth Hour.

Many of the world's most famous landmarks were shrouded in darkness between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

In Paris, the Eiffel Tower, usually sparkling with 20,000 lights, went dark.

Floodlights at the Acropolis in Athens and the Great Pyramids in Egypt, were

turned off.

In Ottawa, the lights were dimmed on Parliament Hill and at city hall.

Many buildings downtown were lit sparsely as if everyone was out for the night. The sav-

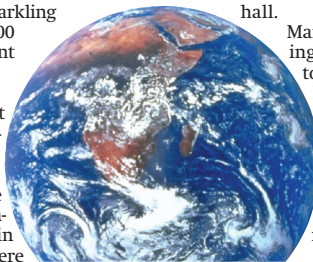
ings was enough to power about 58 homes for a month, said Dave McEndry, Hydro Ottawa's director of customer care and conservation.

"There was a lot more build-up and a lot more interest this year. Word is getting out now about Earth Hour," he said.

"There has been a lot of effort worldwide and as a result the spillover effect has hit Ottawa."

However, Ottawa still lags considerably behind Toronto, which recorded a 15 per cent drop compared to typical usage and seven per cent below the lowest demand during Earth Hour in 2008.

Earth Hour



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What's online today.

Video Market watchers optimistic about gains in April at **metronews.ca/canada**

Comment Changes to Ontario's tax code will impact access to legal services at **metronews.ca/immigration**

Lotteries

Friday, March 20 - Lotto Super 7: 8, 10, 14, 18, 28, 30 & 36. Bonus 25. Saturday, March 21 - Lotto 6/49: 16, 10, 33, 39, 40 & 48. Bonus 43. Sunday, March 22 - Ontario Pick 3: 6 7 8; Ontario Pick 4: 4 6 2 5. Encore: 2514355; Daily Keno: 2, 4, 8, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 23, 30, 34, 36, 38, 45, 51, 61, 64, 67, 68. These results are not official.

Manitobans brace for flood

Flood-fighting preparations continued in earnest in southern Manitoba yesterday as freezing weather proved a mixed blessing. Temperatures below the freezing mark gave officials time to continue sandbagging efforts in communities north of Winnipeg.

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Fugitive cows set for auction

Life on the lam was pretty good for a couple of Clarington, Ont., cows. But the party's over for the 750-pounders who escaped from no-one-knows-where last fall and spent the winter playing hide-and-seek with country folk. On Thursday, April 2, the cattle will go on the auction block for the final leg of their journey, destination: Barbecue grill. Surprisingly, no one steaked a claim to the critters, even after the municipality ran ads in the local paper.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PM touts Canadian economic strength

POLITICS Canada is emerging from the global credit meltdown with "probably the only truly free-market financial system in the world," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday during a series of interviews in advance of the G-20 summit in London.

In a series of interviews yesterday aimed at audiences in Canada and the United States, Harper boasted about the strength of Canada's banking system, painted the country as a mere victim in the economic tsunami and praised U.S. President Barack Obama's new Afghanistan policy, saying it mirrored Ottawa's own approach to the troubled country.

Speaking with Fox News for the second time in a month, the prime minister described the Canadian approach to banking regulation as "the happy medium" that neither discourages entrepreneurship nor lends itself to system-threatening risk.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

ELECTION Ontario MPP Frank Klees is first out of the gate in the race for the Progressive Conservative leadership, hoping it will be second-time lucky after finishing third in the 2004 contest.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cyber spy network uncovered

Operation infiltrated government offices, Canadian researchers say

Canadian researchers have uncovered a vast electronic spying operation that infiltrated computers and stole documents from government and private offices around the world, including those of the Dalai Lama, The New York Times reported Saturday.

In a report provided to the newspaper, a team from the Munk Center for International Studies in Toronto said at least 1,295 computers in 103 countries had been breached in less than two years by the spy system, which it dubbed GhostNet.

Embassies, foreign min-

istries, government offices and the Dalai Lama's Tibetan exile centers in India, Brussels, London and New York were among those infiltrated, said the researchers, who have detected computer espionage in the past.

They found no evidence U.S. government offices were breached.

The researchers concluded that computers based almost exclusively in China were responsible for the intrusions, although they stopped short of saying the Chinese government was involved in the system, which they de-

scribed as still active.

"We're a bit more careful about it, knowing the nuance of what happens in the subterranean realms," said Ronald Deibert, a member of the Munk research group, based at the University of Toronto.

"This could well be the CIA or the Russians. It's a murky realm that we're lifting the lid on."

A spokesman for the Chinese Consulate in New York dismissed the idea China was involved. "These are old stories and they are nonsense," the spokesman, Wenqi Gao, said. "The Chinese govern-

ment is opposed to and strictly forbids any cyber-crime."

The Toronto researchers began their sleuthing after a request from the office of the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, to examine its computers for signs of malicious software, or malware.

The network they found possessed remarkable "Big Brother-style" capabilities, allowing it, among other things, to turn on the camera and audio-recording functions of infected computers for potential in-room monitoring, the report said.

REUTERS

Biker gangs Calling it quits



Mario Parente, former Canadian president of Outlaws Motorcycle Club, the world's third largest biker gang behind Hells Angels and the Bandidos. Parente, a lifelong outlaw biker, has resigned as president in a recent interview.

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Legal bills could mount in ORC case

COURTS The Ontario government's net financial loss in the controversial corruption case involving Ontario Realty Corp. could increase by several more millions of dollars if defendants are successful in overturning a court judgment.

Lawyers for defendants Frank Gabriele, two partners and their companies have launched two appeals of findings and damages against them by Justice Frank Newbould of the Ontario Superior Court.

Newbould awarded the government about \$3.5 million plus compound interest from the defendants

Hefty tab

- The government spent more than \$23.4 million on outside lawyers and consultants to pursue the high-profile civil case over eight years.

in January after finding them liable of bid manipulation, conspiracy, fraud and "unjust enrichment" in six land sales and a property cleanup at Ontario Realty, the province's real estate arm, during the 1990s.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Community lauds new gay rights proposal

ALBERTA A proposal to include sexual orientation in Alberta's human rights legislation is being applauded by Edmonton's gay and lesbian community, but it says it's long overdue.

Alberta Culture Minister Lindsay Blackett has introduced some changes to modernize the legislation this spring.

And while people within Alberta's gay and lesbian community are already protected as a result of a 1998 Supreme Court decision, Blackett says his amendments would bring Alberta's human rights laws in line with other provinces and the court decision.

"This could have been done in 1998, when the Supreme Court of Canada told them to do it," said Kris Wells, who works at the University of Alberta's Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services.

"The fact that this wasn't done was a slap in the face to the (gay and lesbian) community. Then Premier (Ralph) Klein refused to do what the court had ordered."

Wells believes the change in government has resulted in the human rights shift that will make Alberta's gay and lesbian community "respected like any other community."

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French pole vaulting champion Romain Mesnil has run naked with his pole through the streets of Paris and posted the video on the Internet, hoping to draw attention to his quest for a new sponsorship deal. **REUTERS**

World



U.K. politician in adult film scandal

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith who is in charge of British security, was forced to apologize yesterday for using public money to pay for adult films. In the latest in a series of political controversies over lawmakers' expenses, Smith, already under investigation over her housing allowance, said she mistakenly claimed for pay-per-view television when she submitted a bill for her Internet connection. **REUTERS**

6 shot dead in nursing home

Suspect, five others injured in rampage at Alzheimer's care facility

Six people were killed and five injured in a shooting yesterday at a nursing home in the southeastern U.S. state of North Carolina, police and local TV said.

The incident occurred at the Pinelake Health and Rehab Center in Carthage, a small town about 15 miles north of Fort Bragg, home of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

"There are six (people)

that have been confirmed dead and there are five others injured," an officer at the Moore County Sheriff's Office told Reuters, although he gave no more details and referred calls to the Carthage police.

North Carolina's WRAL TV station quoted Carthage police as saying that a gunman walked into the 90-bed nursing home, which offers care for Alzheimer's sufferers, and

shot dead six people.

WRAL cited Carthage Police Chief Chris McKenzie as saying the injured people, as well as the alleged shooter, who was also injured, were taken to Moore Regional Hospital.

McKenzie did not immediately offer a motive for the shooting.

A hospital spokeswoman, Emily Sloane, told CNN six people were treated at the hospital, al-

though one had already been discharged.

It was the third major shooting to occur in the southeastern United States this month.

On March 10, a 28-year-old in Alabama killed 10 people in a shooting spree that ended when he took his own life. A few days later in Miami, a Cuban immigrant shot and killed four people, including his estranged wife. **REUTERS**

19 killed in collapse after Ivory Coast soccer match

ABIDJAN At least 19 people were killed in a stadium crush during a World Cup qualifier between Ivory Coast and Malawi in Abidjan yesterday.

A rush by spectators led to the collapse of a wall, medical officials told Reuters. Police then fired tear gas to clear the crowd, causing a stampede which also left many people seriously injured.

The tragedy followed similar incidents which have marred international matches in Africa in the last decade, including two

separate ones in Zambia and the death of 13 people in Zimbabwe nine years ago.

FIFA instigated a programme of stadium inspections across Africa before the 2010 World Cup qualifiers and Abidjan's Felix Houphouet-Boigny Stadium was passed as safe for international matches.

On the field, Chelsea striker Didier Drogba marked his return to competitive international football with two goals to lead Ivory Coast to a 5-0 win over Malawi. **REUTERS**

North Dakota school flooded after dike fails

FARGO A dike holding back the swollen Red River failed yesterday and swamped a school, but a backup dike contained the spill and cold weather favored repair efforts.

No one was injured in the spill, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokesman Frank Worley said.

Engineers noticed shifting in the permanent earth dike near the private Oak Grove Lutheran School in Fargo Saturday and had tried to shore it up with more sandbags. Another dike location had been shored up, he said.

The Corps is overseeing efforts by hundreds of National Guard troops, local residents and volunteers to reinforce and raise sandbagged barriers, dikes and other floodwalls.

REUTERS

Russia Calls for Putin's resignation



Supporters of the Russian opposition party United Civil Front leave their signatures to call for the resignation of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin in Moscow yesterday. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev stressed in a BBC interview yesterday that he alone rules Russia and not former president Putin.

Colombian man accused of fathering 8 with daughter

BOGOTA A Colombian man accused of sexually abusing his daughter from a young age and fathering eight children with her was arrested Saturday, causing an outcry over the lack of child protection in the Andean nation.

Arcebio Alvarez, 58, was led away in handcuffs by agents from Colombia's attorney general's office after his daughter told police that he had abused her since she was a young girl.

Alba Nidia Alvarez, 35, said an evangelical Christian pastor had convinced her to come forward.

"I took this decision ac-

Children

- The eight children are between the ages of 1 and 19 and have been placed under state care.

cording to the will of God, thanks to a pastor who prayed for me many times," she said in an interview with the daily newspaper El Tiempo.

Alba Nidia's mother died when she was five, leaving her under the care of her father. Arcebio Alvarez was due to make his first court appearance later Saturday. **REUTERS**

99 dead in Indonesia after dam bursts

JAKARTA The death toll from a burst dam which unleashed a wall of water on the outskirts of the Indonesian capital rose to 99 and authorities were searching for more than 100 people still missing, officials said on Saturday.

Volunteers joined hundreds of rescue workers scouring through the rubble and a nearby river, offi-

cials said, after the Dutch colonial-era Situ Gintung dam collapsed early Friday.

Heavy rain overflowed the dam's wall, sending water and mud crashing into a crowded residential area nearby.

The disaster was probably caused by a combination of torrential rain and poor maintenance, officials said. **REUTERS**

News in brief

POLITICS The United States will give Pakistan the tools it needs to defeat al Qaeda, but it expects accountability in return, President Barack Obama said in a CBS interview about his new Afghan strategy.

Obama also said if the United States had al Qaeda leaders in its sights in Pakistan, it would go after them after consulting Pakistani authorities.

ARMS The United States has

no plans to shoot down a missile North Korea plans to launch in a test Washington sees as a step toward developing an intercontinental ballistic missile, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said yesterday.

HOLOCAUST Palestinian officials in the occupied West Bank have shut down a youth orchestra because it performed before Holocaust survivors at a concert in Israel. **REUTERS**



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Find joy in the little things

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want to share an old saying. It dates right back to 15 minutes ago when I made it up. "To find good news, look in a mental institute." That just makes life so clear doesn't it?

As I've mentioned before, as part of training to become a United Church of Canada minister I'm spending eight months working at an inner city church and a mental health hospital. I call this program Thirty Two Weeks In Heaven and Hell. Which place is which changes around from day to day.

Every Wednesday, I work on a mental health

ward that houses those suffering from schizophrenia. Some clients are with us for a week, some for many years. Some have "privileges," which are extraordinary freedoms such as being allowed to leave the building, even cross the street and use the corner store. Others can only leave with an escort and, though the care staff do their best, this may mean not leaving much at all.

Doing spiritual care for these clients is challenging. I suggested to one woman that she try to "listen to her inner voice." Her response? "I'm try-



SunnySide

ing not to listen to them. That's why I'm here." Fair enough.

Not taking client behaviour personally is another challenge. Last week, I walked into the ward happily sporting a short new haircut. Louise rushed over gushing, "I love your hair! You look just like Prince Charles!"

It's hard to carry on a conversation because some clients find it difficult to keep words in logical order. I sat for an hour with Gordon who babbled to me earnestly and entirely incoherently as I smiled and nodded, all the while

thinking, "Dear God, let me not be agreeing that Paul Martin was a modern day Gandhi."

So, where's the good news here? Well, it's not "no matter how bad your own life seems, remember you're allowed to cross the street," though it's a good thing to remember for sure.

On our ward, Dylan paints a picture that's hung in the hallway and he grins for a day. Loni gets her hair washed and everyone tells her she's gorgeous. Carson says he's glad to see me and offers a smile, precious as the first spring flower.

Encouragement. Appreciation. That's good news anywhere. And the best part is, it's not a privilege allowed only to some. In any life, in any place, you can make it yourself.

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Letters

City should clear Ottawa bike paths

How much effort/money would it take the City of Ottawa to send out a crew of its now-idle sidewalk plows and clear the bikepaths of snow and ice?

This small amount of effort would get tonnes of people back on their bikes commuting to work weeks sooner than sitting back and letting mother nature run her course.

I know of many cyclists (myself included) who are pining for the ability to cycle to work, but are unable to due to the long stretches of snow/ice on the bike paths network.

BEN WHITING, OTTAWA

Banning British MP is an affront to free speech

How dare does Immigration Minister Jason Kenney presume to decide who can speak publicly in this country, and what I, as a

free Canadian citizen, can listen to, read and watch?

In Canada, we consider freedom of speech a fundamental right in our democracy. Banning British MP George Galloway from speaking at scheduled public meetings in Canada during his North American speaking tour is an affront to Canadian democracy and the intrinsic right of freedom of speech.

Canadians have the right to hear Galloway whether they agree with his positions on the Middle East or not. As a minister and MP, Kenney has claimed to be a proponent of freedom of speech. Apparently, he is afraid of what Galloway has to say.

I call on the minister to allow Galloway to come to Canada and speak.

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While in Toronto for the last week, I noticed something quite profound about transit here in TO.

Say what you like about OC Transpo drivers, but they're a good deal more polite than the staff who work for the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC).

The first time I bought transit tokens at Union Station, the booth operator mocked my British accent, and made a sarcastic joke about "bringing us culture." My colleague from North Carolina was

mocked even more by the TTC worker and his buddy. Her crime? Putting her token in the cash fare box rather than the slot in the turnstile.

The Toronto subway can be an intimidating place. It's not immediately obvious how to do things for a newcomer. OC Transpo drivers have taken a lot of stick recently, but, if you're lost, my own experience is that they're usually polite and happy to help. When I encounter a grumpier one, he or she usually stops short of openly making fun of the passengers, which seems to be a fairly regular occurrence here on the TTC.

It's obvious, however, that apart from the staff, Toronto's transit system is vastly superior to Ottawa's in every possible way. I understand this statement is

"It's clear Ottawa has an inferiority complex."

hardly a revelation. But the difference is just embarrassing. In Toronto, streetcars run regularly along every major road until the early hours of the morning. In Ottawa, a bus runs down Bank Street once every 15 minutes on the weekend.

It's often argued that Toronto inevitably has a better transit system than Ottawa because it's a bigger city. Thanks to Toronto's size, it has a system of remarkable complexity, covered by the TTC, Viva and GO Transit.

Using a combination of the TTC and the sleek Viva buses in York Region, I once travelled to watch the

Canadian national cricket team play in King City, some 40 kilometres from downtown. In the country's capital, there are fewer main roads and less miles to cover, so it should be easier to run a transit system well. Instead, we can't even get OC Transpo and STO to operate from the same bus stop.

It's clear Ottawa has an inferiority complex. Our decision makers have long been paralyzed by fear of big decisions and big projects, which is why we're still debating light rail many years after it should have been built. It's not impossible for Ottawa to have a transit system as good as Toronto's. It's just that we've never really tried.

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Gay group issues award to financial guru

The gay watchdog group GLAAD honoured Suze Orman at its annual media awards on Saturday, and the openly gay financial guru exhorted her followers to "invest in companies that invest in you." Orman cited General Electric, Avon, QVC, Random House and CNBC as companies that had supported her. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Theme parks feel the pinch

Shortfalls in attendance, revenue spell trouble for investors

First it was the housing market, then the banks. Now Santa Claus, Mickey Mouse and Shamu are getting whacked in the global slump.

The result is that investors in amusement parks are on a roller coaster ride — with enough sharp drops to make even those with the strongest pocketbooks feel a bit queasy.

Disney's slashing jobs. Six Flags, which owns Montreal's La Ronde amusement park, is on the cusp of bankruptcy protection. The Finnish government last Tuesday an-

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Dennis Speigel, president
International Theme Park Services Inc.

nounced it was selling its stake in Santapark to local investors because of declining revenues.

But regional parks could benefit from Disney's loss, according to industry consultant Dennis Speigel, president of the Cincinnati-based International Theme Park Services Inc.

Wonderland relies on southern Ontario for the vast majority of its busi-

ness, making it an affordable destination for families trying to avoid the added costs of airfare and accommodations that go with a trip to Disneyland. But that doesn't mean 2009 is shaping up to be an easy ride for Wonderland's owners, Ohio-based Cedar Fair Entertainment Co.

"We expect there to be a shortfall of up to 4.5 per cent" in terms of revenue

and attendance for regional theme parks overall, Speigel said.

It doesn't help that the amusement park industry is at a mature phase, Speigel said.

In the 1980s, "we would put a roller-coaster in a park and we would see a five to nine per cent change in attendance," said Speigel. "Now they put in 'super coasters' for \$25 million and haven't bumped the attendance at all."

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Stock bulls may hit pause button

FORECAST U.S. stocks are set to run into some turbulence this week as investors pause to gauge if profit expectations and economic prospects will justify the market's further advance from the 12-year lows touched earlier this month.

Since hitting those lows the market has rallied strongly, lifting the benchmark S&P 500 more than 20 per cent amid burgeon-

ing hopes that fallout from the economic slump may be subsiding.

Barring any shocks in the week, the benchmark S&P 500 could close March with its biggest monthly gain in about two decades. With an even more bullish footing at month's end, the market could be propelled to its best monthly advance in 22 years.

Besides a deluge of economic data, comments

from companies in the run-up to the start of the first-quarter earnings reporting season and developments from Thursday's G20 Summit in London are expected to set the tone.

"If we get some negative surprises, the whole question of when the economy is turning or if it is turning will be brought back," said Bucky Hellwig, senior vice-president at Morgan Asset Management. **REUTERS**

In brief

INVESTING Beaten-down shares of Canadian auto-parts makers may offer outsized rewards for those with a long time horizon, but investors would be wise to wait to see what the future holds for U.S. automakers, analysts say.

CLIMATE The United States promised closer co-operation with the rest of the world on a United Nations climate treaty yesterday but cautioned it had no magic wand to fix global warming. **REUTERS**

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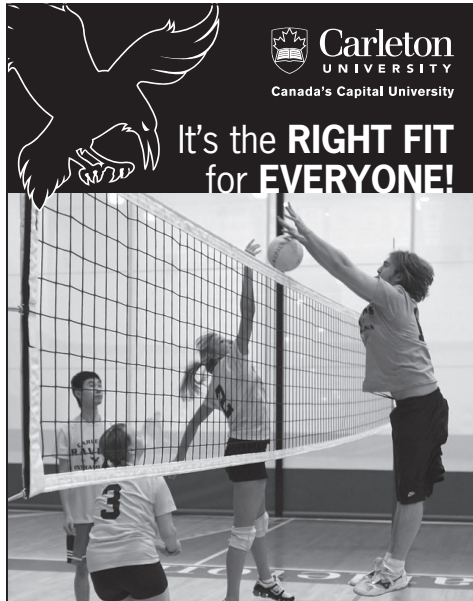


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Lou Saban, the longtime NFL and U.S. college coach whose career spanned five decades and dozens of jobs, died at 87 at his home in South Carolina yesterday. Saban had two stints as coach of the Buffalo Bills, from 1962 to '65 and '72 to '76. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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THE SKINNY: Ottawa shook off a two-game losing skid with a relatively easy three-goal shutout over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

35 AT 500: Dany Heatley celebrated his 500th career NHL game by scoring his 35th goal of the season last night versus the Lightning.



Ryan Shannon and Tampa Bay's Martin St. Louis battle for a puck during the second period last night.

FIRST SHUTOUT FOR ELIOTT: Sens goaltender Brian Elliott stopped 20 Lightning shots for his first career shutout.

The Senators are now 21-2-3 when leading after two periods, like they were against Tampa Bay.

30 PLATEAU FOR SPEZZA: Ottawa's Jason Spezza

LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE:

notched his 30th marker of the season during a late third-period power play.

THE RUMBLINGS: The rumours persist that Lightning superstar Vincent Lecavalier will be traded at the NHL entry draft before a no-trade clause in his contract kicks in on July 1.

TAVARES SWEEPSTAKES: With 65 points and at 27th place overall in the standings, the Lightning are in the running for the top pick at the upcoming entry draft along with the Colorado Avalanche and New York Islanders.

THE NEXT GAME: The Senators play in sunny Florida tomorrow night for a contest against the Panthers.

Sports in brief

CIS Lachlan MacIntosh scored the winning goal midway through the third period to lead the New Brunswick Varsity Reds past the Western Ontario Mustangs 4-2 in the Canadian university men's hockey final yesterday.

The MVP of the CIS University Cup iced the game with an empty-netter with 46 seconds left, and also opened the scoring at 18:58 of the first as New Brunswick claimed its second national title in three years.

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NBA	YESTERDAY'S RESULTS Toronto 134 Chicago 129 (OT)	MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT YESTERDAY'S RESULTS SOUTH REGIONAL

Final Four set, with upsets

BASKETBALL Second-seeded Michigan State stunned No. 1 Louisville 64-52 to win the Midwest Region and advance to the NCAA Final Four yesterday.

Senior centre Goran Suton, who grew up in Bosnia, scored 19 points and had 10 rebounds to lead Michigan State (30-6) to its fifth Final Four in 11 years.

Louisville was the overall top seed in the 64-team NCAA Tournament.

The Final Four will be played in Detroit beginning on Saturday. Connecticut advanced to the



Magic Johnson and Chris Allen of Michigan State celebrate after the Spartans upset Louisville yesterday.

Final Four with a win Saturday and will face Michigan State. Villanova will play North Carolina, which defeated Oklahoma yesterday.

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Going Green

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A brighter future

A study last year by the International Energy Agency found that a worldwide shift to energy-efficient lighting systems would cut the world's electricity bill by nearly one-tenth. Amazingly, the emissions created by all the light bulbs on the planet are three times those caused by aviation.

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Lingering query: Are we doomed?

EarthTones

Sophia Dore &
Andrew Laursen



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Any given day, a whole series of seemingly disconnected thoughts pass through our brains. Thoughts like, "I wonder where my car keys are," "I think I will wear the red cowboy hat," or "What's that smell?"

Sometimes the thoughts are more profound, but often not. Less often still, they can be strung together

into a kind of story. Fortunately for us, that only has to happen once a week.

Recently, stories of new dinosaur discoveries, news about Earth Hour, a review of our heating bill and a simple question posed by a student — "Are we just doomed?" — have all been bouncing around. Are they connected?

The question "Are we doomed?" depends a lot on your frame of reference. On a geological time scale, the short answer is "sure." We know species come and go in the fossil record. The dinosaurs were doomed and they didn't even burn coal or drive Hummers. Species come

and species go, but few of us are worrying that far ahead when we consider doom.

In a recent story carried on BBC, Prof. John Beddington in the U.K. warned of a "perfect storm" of food, energy and water shortages due to increases in global population. As the population grows, increased pressure will be placed on re-

sources that are already grossly overstretched in some parts of the world.

Even without a growth in

pete for energy resources.

If we have learned one thing from history, it's don't invade Russia in the winter. But if we learn any other lessons, they should include that the cause of nearly every war can be traced to competition for resources, and failure of governments to provide the basic resources necessary for life leads to political instability.

So, are we doomed?

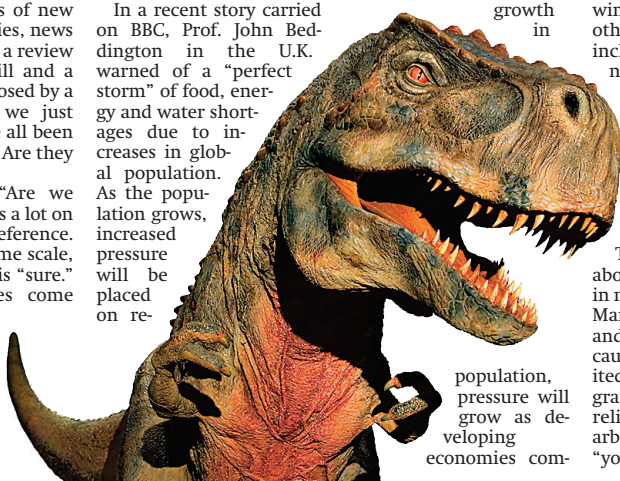
The situation described above is playing itself out in many parts of the world. Many conflicts in Africa and Asia have as a root cause competition for limited resources with access granted on a basis of race, religion, or some equally arbitrary basis for saying "you can't have it." The

governments that can not or will not make access fair contribute to their own instability and chaos.

There is no reason to think we are going the way of the dinosaur in the near term. We're unlikely to die out as a species soon. But, if by doomed we mean doomed to live as most of the world lives, chances are good. As a species we are more likely to go out with a whimper than a bang.

Like the dinosaurs, we have no control over the freak meteor. However, in the shorter term we actually do have it in our power to make better choices and live more sustainably.

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population, pressure will grow as developing economies com-

U.S. praises China's climate efforts

The United States gave rare praise to China's efforts to curb emissions of greenhouse gases yesterday, but said Beijing must do "a lot more" under a planned new UN treaty to fight climate change.

Todd Stern, U.S. special envoy for climate change, told Reuters on his debut at the 175-nation UN climate talks in Bonn that all major emitters had to step up action despite recession under a UN climate pact due to be agreed on in December.

"The Chinese are doing a lot already," he said. China has recently overtaken the United States as the top emitter of heat-trapping gases, mainly from burning fossil fuels, blamed for global warming.

"The Chinese have a lot of policy that they have put in place ... they've got efficiency standards for their top 1,000 enterprises."

Todd Stern, U.S. special envoy for climate change

"The Chinese have a lot of policy that they have put in place — energy intensity targets, significant renewable energy targets, they've got auto standards that are good, they've got efficiency standards for their top 1,000 enterprises," he said.

"Yet, given the power of their economy and the growth trajectory of their economy they are going to have to do a lot more," Stern said.

Separately, in a speech to delegates at the March 29-

April 8 talks, Stern said he was "immensely impressed" by actions by developing nations such as China, India, South Africa, Brazil and Mexico.

Delegates said the tone was unusually conciliatory.

China and the United States, which together account for about 40 per cent of global emissions, are often at odds over climate policies. U.S. emissions are more than four times higher per capita than China's.

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Australia seeks protection of rain forests

Australia has submitted a proposal to UN climate negotiators that outlines a scheme to use carbon credits to protect rain forests, Climate Change Minister Penny Wong said Friday.

The submission will be circulated to negotiators meeting this week in Bonn, Germany, to discuss a new UN climate treaty that world leaders hope to agree to in Copenhagen in December.

Emissions

• Australian Climate Change Minister Penny Wong said deforestation and forest degradation account for about 18 to 20 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions.

"We think a post-2012 agreement will need to include forests in some way," Wong told Reuters in an interview in New York after addressing UN

diplomats at the International Peace Institute, a think-tank devoted to peace and security.

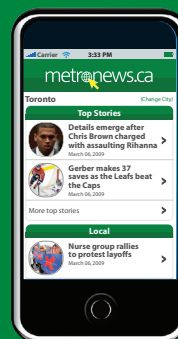
"Currently, too many developing nations have an economic imperative to cut down forests. What we need to put in place is a mechanism that means instead of an economic imperative to cut down forests, we have an economic imperative to protect them."

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Workology

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Queen's concert hall

Queen's University, in Kingston, Ont., has revealed the design for its new performing arts centre, which will include a 550-seat, purpose-built concert hall, a small studio theatre, rehearsal rooms, an art gallery, and office space.

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A career in the right direction

Seafarers have George Rae to thank for finding their way back home

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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For as long as he can remember, George Rae went out on boats with his father.

His dad, originally from Scotland and a former member of the merchant navy, emigrated to Halifax for a job as a master mariner. He later got work as a compass adjuster and soon started his own company.

By the time Rae was 12, he wasn't just tagging along on rides for fun. By age 18, he was doing the

work himself.

"I was always intrigued and I loved the boats. And going with my father was always special," says Rae who lost his dad this past January.

After Rae finished high school, he joined the merchant marines. For six years he worked on offshore cargo boats and made his way up from deck hand to chief mate.

But it was tough being away from home so much, as he had a young family. In 1987, his dad asked him to join the family business as a compass adjuster (one of his sisters, his oldest brother and his wife work for the company too).

Rae, now 47, takes calls from everyone from small pleasure boat owners to captains of offshore oil



For a living, George Rae makes sure boat compasses — the only thing that works when the power goes out — are working perfectly.

rigs. Most boats on the water are mandated to have a compass — even if

they have a host of other fancy gizmos. "The magnetic compass is the only thing that works when the power goes out," Rae says.

But they can lose their sense of magnetic north over time, thanks to new equipment on the boat, renovations, or just harsh weather. To get a compass back on track, usually on an annual basis, Rae takes the boat out on the water. He either drives (his 22-year-old son sometimes comes along to help) or the crew on a larger boat steers.

He then stops the boats at the various headings

on the compass. Rae uses the sun, familiar landmarks or a chart to line the boat up. He then trues up the compass by using magnets.

Most compasses have slots built right in where small magnets can fit, or Rae affixes them to the side of the boat.

The whole process takes about an hour. Most observers of Rae at work are pretty surprised to see him turning a boat in circles on the water. "A lot of people get this look, like, 'Here's the man with his black magic,'" says Rae.

Thanks to his years on boats and his study of

magnets, it's neither mysterious nor magical to Rae. Just a job he learned at his father's side.

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George Rae on the onlookers as he fits magnets to boats

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Rod Carley merged Canadian history with the Bard's classic prose on TVO's lecture series last Saturday.

Canada through Shakespeare's eyes

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Rod Carley wants to reinvigorate Shakespeare's work in the Canadian mind.

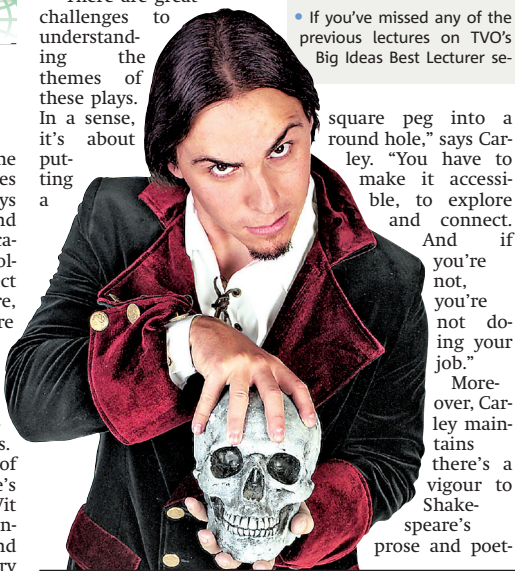
It's all about making the text relevant to audiences in our time and place, says the 25-year theatre vet and professor of communication arts at Canadore College — and it's the subject he explored in his lecture, *Adapting Shakespeare Within A Modern Canadian Context*, last Saturday on TVO as part of that network's Ontario's Best Lecturer competition featured on Big Ideas.

"There's a real love of language in Shakespeare's work," says Carley. "Wit and puns are used to connect to an audience, and we can use contemporary settings to illuminate that language, adapting the political and societal norms of our time to the text."

Several ideas of Carley's revolve around putting plays within a Canadian historical context, such as *The Tempest* — one of the Bard's later works about a banished sorcerer Prospero and indigenous being living on the remote island he controls — juxtaposed against the story of Samuel de Champlain and his forays into the New World. Another casts Rene Levesque's Brutus to Pierre

Trudeau's Julius Caesar in Shakespeare's historical drama of the same name.

"There are great challenges to understanding the themes of these plays. In a sense, it's about putting a



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square peg into a round hole," says Carley. "You have to make it accessible, to explore and connect. And if

you're not, you're not doing your job."

Moreover, Carley maintains there's a vigour to Shakespeare's prose and poet-

ry that doesn't exist in modern language; a creativity of expression that grows more distant with every LOL and OMG that any may crudely text or tweet.

Call it a case of words flying up and thoughts remaining below.

"There is that danger. It's almost counter-revolutionary," he said.

"The simpler the language, the less we're able to express complex thoughts and feelings. The less we express these feelings, the more they well up inside us. It's a form of emotional violence in its way."

Postponing retirement becoming more common

ECONOMY While the economic crisis is being felt by nearly every segment of the working population, one group of workers is faced with particularly tough decisions regarding their futures.

Six-in-10 workers (60 per cent) over the age of 60 say they are putting off their retirement due to the impact of the U.S. financial crisis on their long-term savings, according to a survey by CareerBuilder.

Depleted savings accounts due to the economic downshift are causing older workers to stay in the workforce longer to make up for their losses. One-in-ten workers (11 per

cent) over the age of 60 who are putting off retirement say that the decrease to their savings may now cause them to never retire, while 73 per cent think it will take them up to 6 years of extra work to recoup their lost savings. Nearly a quarter (24 per cent) feels they can make their money back by working an additional year or two.

"Mature workers may be feeling the pinch of this difficult economy more than others because of their impending plans for retirement," said Jason Ferrara, Senior Career Adviser at CareerBuilder.

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Liv Tyler is walking down the aisle again, as the maid of honour in writer/director Galt Niederhoffer's independent film *The Romantics* — about seven close friends who reunite to watch two of their pals get married. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

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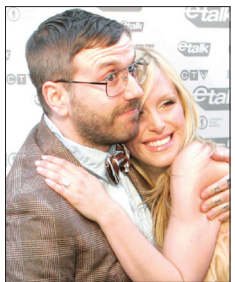
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Jennifer Aniston has topped Details' new list of Hollywood's sexiest women. The former *Friends* star beat Megan Fox and Gisele Bündchen to land the top spot.

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ABOVE: Members of the 1980s band Loverboy talk to the audience after being inducted into the Hall of Fame during the Juno Awards.



LEFT: Songwriter of the year Juno winner Dallas Green poses with wife and MuchMusic VJ Leah Miller.



Nickelback celebrates after winning awards for fan choice, album of the year and group of the year at the Juno Awards last night.

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Nickelback wins big

Rock act collects three Junos, including album of the year

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Last night's Juno Awards at Vancouver's GM Place reflected a shift in the event's tone from past years: An effort to get a little more rugged and raw.

Along with the usual Canon rockers, this year's nominees included several indie artists, from F*ed Up's layered hardcore to the thrash-electro of Crystal Castles. Much of the show — from performers to jokes — reflected a focus on riskier material.

Backed by a stage of psychedelic plants, host Russell Peters started off with a Bollywood-themed song and dance. But half-way through the song, the dancers ripped off the

Juno winners

- Album of the year: Nickelback, *Dark Horse*
- Artist of the year: Sam Roberts
- Juno fan choice award: Nickelback
- Songwriter of the year: Dallas Green, City and Colour
- New artist of the year: Lights
- Rap recording of the year: Kardinal Offishall, *Not 4 Sale*
- Group of the year: Nickelback

sometime hip-hop DJ's costume so he could showcase his popping and locking techniques. The transition reflected his promise to tweak a few nerves during his second stint as host.

Sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll: Peters hit all three with jokes about yearning for Anne Murray's sex tape, slams on former Barenaked Ladies singer Steven Page's recent drug-related troubles, and stage props that looked smokeable.

Rock-grunge act Nickelback claimed the night's

two biggest prizes — group of the year and album of the year, as well as the Juno fan choice award.

"The press are gonna hate us tomorrow," joked frontman Chad Kroeger. "We apologize for hogging up all the air time."

Super producer Bob Rock inducted '80s rockers Loverboy into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame, Sarah McLachlan received the Allan Waters humanitarian award, and perennial Juno winner Bryan Adams sang *Walk On By*.

Canada's Music Awards

JUNO Awards

K.D. Lang and Buffy Sainte-Marie awarded Alexisonfire's Dallas Green songwriter of the year for his quieter work as City and Colour. Green was joined onstage by the Tragically Hip's Gord Downie to perform *Sleeping Sickness*.

Fresh from an Australian tour with Kings of Leon, rockers The Stills won Junos for new group of the year and alternative album of the year. Other standouts included back-to-back songs by Crystal Shawanda, Divine Brown and Serena Ryder, and a rocking version of *Them Kids* by rock album of the year winner Sam Roberts.

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OTTAWA'S WEATHER LEADER

Willis has wed — officially

It's official: Bruce Willis and Emma Heming are husband and wife. After their wedding celebration in the Caribbean last weekend, the actor and the model/actress were wed in a civil ceremony Friday. PEOPLE.COM



Bunnies behaving badly

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

FEATURE With the nation still being swallowed by the all-consuming recession, the threat of losing your livelihood is a terrifying possibility and no one is safe, not even a pair of pink, fuzzy and perennially peeved Easter bunnies.

Said bunnies exploits are chronicled in *Hank and Mike*, a fiercely funny wallow in vulgar absurdity directed by Matthew Klinc and starring Paolo Mancini and Thomas Michael (who also co-wrote) as the titular naughty rabbits.

The film — in theatres now — sees the disgruntled blue (pink?) collared egg stashers Hank and Mike getting downsized from their not-so lucrative gig at Easter Inc. and launching an all out, booze-fuelled war against good taste (the movie most certainly earns its R rating).

But as co-star/creator Mancini say, the refreshingly off-colour film isn't just about watching a couple of bunnies with 5 o'clock shadow behaving badly.

"We tried to make the characters as real as possible."



Hank and Mike earns its R rating from the exploits of its two vulgar protagonists in bunny suits.

ble," Mancini said. "The idea was that these are really just two regular, union guys in a bad situation."

"If they were just mailmen, I think the movie would be just as funny and relevant. Basically, if you start to forget about the bunny suits and lose yourself in the characters as

people, we've done our job."

Admittedly, it is difficult to ignore the fact that the cussing, spitting, coke sniffing, stripper-groping and eventually homicidal anti-heroes in Hank and Mike are sporting droopy ears and perky white tails.

"We tried to make the characters as real as possible. The idea was that these are really just two regular, union guys in a bad situation."

Paolo Mancini, co-star and creator

And it's that straight faced, never really addressed narrative abstraction that's been steadily stoking the film's cult status since it first started playing festivals in 2008. In fact, Mancini and Michael are already thinking of a sequel.

"If we made a follow-up, we'd cast Hank and Mike in a buddy cop story," Michael says somewhat seriously.

"The movie would open up with the bunnies being fired again from Easter Inc. and they're now police officers, living in a boat, getting yelled at by their cigar chomping superior. And of course, Brigitte Neilson would be in it."

In brief

COLLABORATION Wilco has confirmed rumours that Feist will appear on its next album, a still untitled set due for a late June release. In a posting Friday on the band's website (wilcoworld.net/news/), the alternative rock band says that singer-songwriter Feist lends vocals to the track You and I on the Nonesuch release.

REUNION Metallica is using its upcoming Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction to stage what drummer Lars Ulrich calls "a sort of family reunion." The Metallica guest list for the April 4 induction includes staffers from the band's previous labels, journalists and photographers, producers and musician friends. **REUTERS**

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Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning Friday, led by the new release *Monsters vs. Aliens*, according to studio estimates compiled yesterday by Reuters:

1 Monsters vs. Aliens:
\$58.2 million US

2 The Haunting in Connecticut:
\$23 million

3 Knowing:
\$14.7 million

4 I Love You, Man:
\$12.6 million

5 Duplicity:
\$7.6 million

6 Race to Witch Mountain:
\$5.6 million

7 12 Rounds:
\$5.3 million

8 Watchmen:
\$2.8 million

9 Taken:
\$2.7 million

10 The Last House on the Left:
\$2.6 million

REUTERS

	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
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	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	House "Looked In" (N)	24 (HDTV PA) (N)	Heroes "Into Asylum" (N)	News		
	-	-	5	SRC	Virginie (SC)	La Petite vie	L'Auberge du chien noir (SC)	Les Boys (SC)	Tout sur moi	Le Téléjournal et Les Nou	La Zone	
	209	342	6	CHRO	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Dancing With the Stars The celebrities perform.	TwoHalf Men	Corner Gas (N)	(10:02) Castle (N)	Comedy Now	
	196	311	7	CTV	Hollywood	etalk	Big Bang Th	Gary Unmarr	Comedy Fest	CSI: Miami (HDTV) (N)	News (N)	
	208	303	8	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Little Mosque	Good Germany	Comedy Fest	CBC News: The National	The Hour	
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Chuck (HDTV) (N)	Heroes "Into Asylum" (N)	Medium "Truth Be Told"	CBC News: The National	News (N)	
	117	713	10	TVA	Les Gags (SC)	Star Académie: Jeopardy! (N)	Annie et ses hommes (N) (SC)	Dr. House (HDTV) (SC)	Flash Point	TVA 22 heures (10:45) Denis Lévesque	Loft Story	
	-	-	11	QS	Loft Story	C'Une joke	CSI: NY "Le Dernier Bal" (SC)	Flash Point	Le Pays d'où je viens (1956. Fantastique)	Cent dix pour cent (SC)	Professionnels	
	137	763	12	TFO	Panorama	Dr. Phil (HDTV)	Big Bang Th	How I Met	TwoHalf Men	Engagement	King	
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	115	343	16	CFMT	The Insider (N)	E! News	The Soup	How I Met	My Boys	Engagement	True Hollywood Story	News (N)
	218	345	18	E!	News (N)	Entertainment	Dancing With the Stars The celebrities perform.	Le Téléjournal (SC)	Le Pays d'où je viens (1956. Fantastique)	Folie-aventure	TwoHalf Men	Hist Language
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	512	396	24	CPAC	Happy Days	Laverne	House "Looked In" (N)	American Experience (PA) (DVS)	PBS Previews	Charlie Rose		
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	House "Looked In" (N)	American Experience (PA) (DVS)	PBS Previews	Charlie Rose		
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	411	457	56	OLN	Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	This Week in NASCAR (N)	Futurama	Punch	Robot Chicken	American Dad	Moral Ore
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CBC Winnipeg Comedy Festival

Traveling may have been what Jimmy Buffett was referring to when he wrote, "If we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane." In "Bon Voyage," Manoj Sood brings his "Little Mosque on the Prairie" character, Baber Siddiqui, to the stage to introduce a variety of comedians. They include Geri Hall, Jimmy Tingle and John Wing. 9:30 PM on 8 CBC



Chuck
A heartless agent is sent to evaluate Sarah's performance as Chuck's handler after he reveals his feelings about her. Morgan, Lester and Jeff try to get invited to Awesome's bachelor party in the new episode "Chuck Versus the Broken Heart." 8 PM on 15 CITY 9 NBC

Medium
Allison becomes a human lie detector after she dreams about a game show and starts hearing a buzzer whenever anyone lies to her. One of Joe's former co-workers accuses him of stealing his design in the new episode "Truth Be Told." 10 PM on 9 NBC



Stella McCartney will be honoured with an award Monday for her environmental efforts by the U.K. National Resources Defense Council. The designer, who refuses to use fur or leather, will receive the reward from Leonardo DiCaprio, reports Catwalk Queen. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Brit's team sues superfan

LEGAL Jordan Miller — the owner and webmaster of Britney Spears' most popular fan site, breathe-heavy.com — has spent the past five years supporting the singer, but he's about to be shut down by the pop star herself, us-magazine.com reports.

Although Miller asserts that the sole purpose of the site is "to support the icon of our generation, Britney Spears, and to continuously stick by her through the good and bad," Spears' father Jamie

has taken legal action over some of the content.

"I have been battling the conservatorship Britney is currently placed under for months now," Miller wrote in a message to fellow fans on the site's

homepage Friday.

"When I did not conform to the requests and demands Britney's management and father, Jamie Spears, recently put upon Breathe-Heavy to stay quiet, they in turn became angry and mali-

cious, launching, what I feel is an unjust attack, against me and my website."

He received a legal notice from Jamie's lawyers pressuring him to dismantle the site by Friday afternoon, or face an injunction. Spears' legal team claims the site is "replete with willful, unauthorized" use of copyrighted lyrics to songs as well as video and audio recordings and photos of Spears. The website was still online yesterday.

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Love sued for e-smack talk

LEGAL Looks like Courtney Love needs to watch what she types. Fashion designer Dawn Simorangkir is suing the singer for an unspecified amount, claiming Love used her MySpace and Twitter accounts to bad-mouth her after a dispute over an invoice, Page Six reports.

According to the suit, Love posted online that the designer "has a history of selling cocaine, has a history of assault and battery, has a record of prostitution, has committed grand theft ... is a racist and anti-homophobe ... (and) is a danger to society."

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Madonna adopting again

PEOPLE U.S. pop singer Madonna arrived in Malawi yesterday ahead of a court examination this week of her bid to adopt a second Malawian child, a girl called Mercy James, officials said.

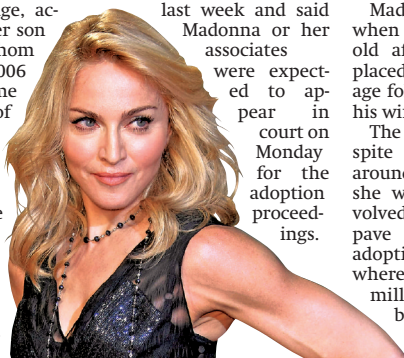
An employee said Madonna had checked into an exclusive lodge, accompanied by her son David Banda, whom she adopted in 2006 from the same Mchinji Home of Hope orphanage where four-year-old Mercy lives.

The employee said David's biological father Yohane Banda was at the lodge to see his son.

Some Malaw-

ians opposed David's adoption, accusing the government of skirting laws that ban non-residents from adopting children. Critics say Mercy's adoption would also violate Malawi's laws.

Court clerks confirmed the name of the child last week and said Madonna or her associates were expected to appear in court on Monday for the adoption proceedings.



The local Nation newspaper this month quoted Madonna, 50, as saying Malawian friends had told her David needed a brother or sister and that she would consider adopting another child, but only with the support of the Malawian people.

Madonna took David when he was 13-months-old after his father had placed him in an orphanage following the death of his wife.

The singer has said despite the controversy around David's adoption, she was happy to be involved in a case that might pave the way for more adoptions in Malawi, where an estimated one million children have been orphaned by AIDS.

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Robert's scary on-set accident

PEOPLE Robert Pattinson required medical help after an on-set accident, female-first.co.uk reports.

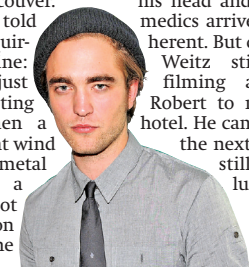
The British actor was reportedly left dazed and bruised when the advertising sign knocked him over during shooting of New Moon in Vancouver.

A source told National Enquirer magazine: "Robert had just started shooting a scene when a gust of violent wind tore a heavy metal sign from a post. It shot across location so fast no one

even managed to shout a warning at Robert. It hit him on the head and he dropped to the ground lying deadly still. Cast and crew ran to help.

"Robert finally came around. The crew put ice on the knot-sized lump on his head and by the time medics arrived he was coherent. But director Chris Weitz still cancelled filming and ordered Robert to return to his hotel. He came back to set the next day, but was still sporting a lump."

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Rihanna's rebound?

RUMOUR Rihanna is not spending her break from Chris Brown with Frankie Delgado, who tells People magazine they are "just friends."

Delgado, who starred in MTV's The Hills and Bromance, believes the chatter started because "she's been out, hanging out, I guess. It's Hollywood, people talk a lot."

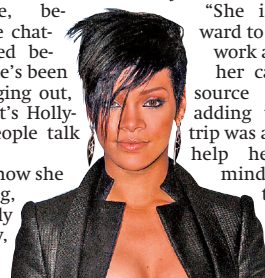
Asked how she is doing, his reply was only, "She's

good."

The singer recently returned to L.A. after a trip to New York City, where she had business meetings and spent time with her manager, her mentor Jay-Z, Beyoncé and Brandy.

"She is looking forward to getting back to work and focusing on her career again," a source told People, adding that Rihanna's trip was also designed to help her "clear her mind and take things one day at a time."

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Leo paints Kids' Choice green

PEOPLE Nickelodeon's 22nd Annual Kids' Choice Awards was especially green this year, female-first.co.uk reports.

Not only was there plenty of green slime, but the children's cable network gave out its first-ever Big Green Help Award during the show.

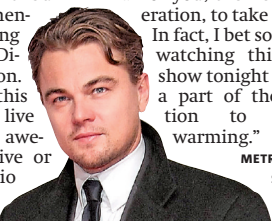
Cameron Diaz presented Leonardo DiCaprio — "the

coolest guy on this hot planet," she said — because of his contribution to environmental issues, including his Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation.

"Do you like this planet that we live on? Is this an awesome place to live or what?" DiCaprio told the audi-

ence. "Well, it's the only place we've got ... We need all of you, the next generation, to take action. In fact, I bet someone watching this very show tonight will be a part of the solution to global warming."

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I've never met grandkid: Tori's mom

PEOPLE In a new interview for ABC's 20/20 that aired this weekend, Candy Spelling says she's never met her granddaughter, msn.com reports.

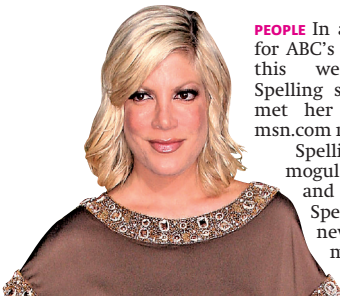
Spelling, widow of TV mogul Aaron Spelling and mother of Tori Spelling, says she's never met nine-month-old Stella, Tori's daughter

with husband Dean McDermott. The couple also has a two-year-old son named Liam.

"I would love to be close to my grandchildren," Candy told 20/20 co-anchor Elizabeth Vargas.

"I'm the only grandparent that's living. So, I'm it. And — I've never even met Stella."

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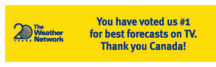


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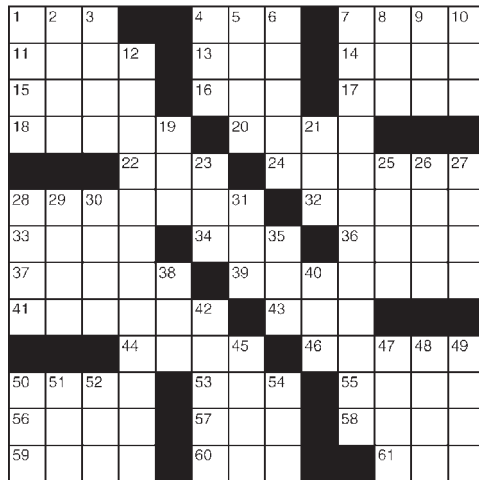
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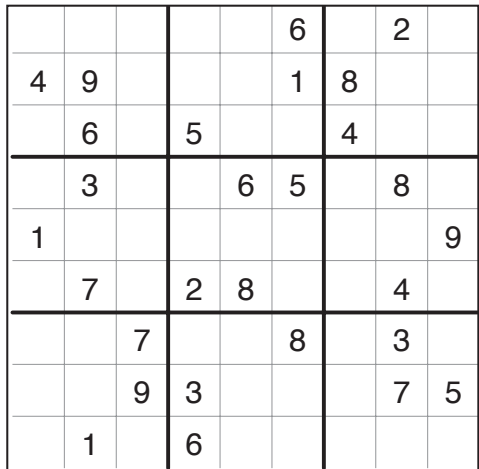
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



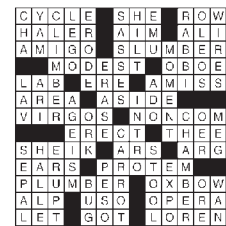
Crossword across

- 1 History chapter
4 Recede
7 Note to self, e.g.
11 Co-ed quarters
13 Stout cousin?
14 Verve
15 Concept
16 Dress (in)
17 Otherwise
18 Tropical timber trees
20 Coated with gold
22 Dawn goddess
24 Acceptable
28 Splendour
32 Form
33 PC picture
34 Morning moisture
36 Facility
37 Disreputable
39 It may say "Home Sweet Home"
41 Motion detector, e.g.
43 Neither mate
44 Unstable particle
46 Brandy flavour
50 Pinnacle
53 Cranberry territory
55 Old portico
56 Angry
57 Greek mountain
58 Former frosh
59 Put in the mail
60 Profit
61 Chaps

Crossword down

- 1 Tend texts
2 Took the bus
3 Vicinity
4 Have breakfast
5 Online journal
6 Start
7 Tim Russert's longtime show
8 Right angle
9 More, to Manuel
10 Indivisible
12 Just stay within your budget
19 "Mayday!"
21 — Angeles
23 Norm (Abbr.)
25 False idol
26 Church section
27 Antelope's playmate
28 Fail to hit
29 Rue the run
30 Rivers or Collins
31 "Of course"
35 Ashen
38 Second person
40 Swab the deck
42 Batman's partner
45 Protuberance
47 Teensy bit
48 Get by somehow
49 Nobel chemist Otto
50 Venomous snake
51 Bill and —
52 Wife's address
54 "Roscoe"

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Stir-Fried Beef with Mango

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (500 g) lean steak
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 tsp (5 ml) sugar
1 tsp (10 ml) low-sodium soy sauce
1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml)
DRESSING:
2 tsp (10 ml) paprika
2 tsp (10 ml) mild chili powder
1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) honey
1-in. (2.5-cm) piece fresh ginger, grated
1 cup (250 ml) water
4 tbsp (60 ml) vinegar
Juice of 1 lime or lemon

SALAD:

- 1 mango, peeled and cut into strips
2 plums, sliced
1/4 medium red cabbage
2 cups (500 ml) watercress leaves
1/2 cucumber
1/2 red pepper
3 scallions, sliced on the diagonal
1/4 cup (50 ml) mixed fresh mint and cilantro
2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped roasted unsalted peanuts

METHOD:

1. For dressing, put paprika, chili powder, honey, ginger and vinegar in a

pot and slowly add water, stirring. Boil, the reduce heat to low and simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in lime or lemon juice. Set aside.

2. Shred cabbage, cut cucumber into matchsticks and cut pepper into thin strips. Combine salad ingredients, except peanuts, in shallow serving dish and toss. Set aside.

3. Cut steak into thin strips for stir-frying. Put steak into bowl with garlic, sugar and soy sauce and mix to coat steak. Heat wok or frying pan on high heat, then add oil. Add beef and stir-fry until strips are browned and cooked to taste.

4. Spoon stir-fried beef over salad, drizzle dressing and sprinkle with peanuts. Serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You must avoid lonely people all day. A cafe is not the best place to buy electronics. A job search needs to be more realistic.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



An increase in socializing will be a delight. It's an inconvenience to overlook a mediocre man. A friend gives you a hassle-free choice.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Let nature take its course with a former adversary. A peer is dealing with too much in a family situation. An unhappy person has a secret admirer.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



It's easy to roll out the red carpet for a pal. Poor memory helps you withstand boredom. A chaotic moment arises due to a refusal.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



A condescending woman brings some news. You have a troubled conscience. A planner needs an aggressive strategy.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



An enthusiastic helper appears to withstand fears. Paranoid fantasies provoke snide remarks. Make a valued alliance with a thinker.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



A conspirator concentrates on security. Freedom comes from being realistic. You'll be on the receiving end of a shocking fact.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



A powerless man gives up the chase. Invest in apparel and appliances. Women will demand more of your time.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



A confused person is working too hard. A difficult situation eases up and a problem is resolved. Mark out your territory with a tough response.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



You'll make a discovery when you focus. Give a fascinating speech at a get-together. Anything is possible if you look within.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Communicate openly with a rescuer. Smile at a loser to boost their self-esteem. An innocent person wants to find wisdom.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



A practical joker could give you the giggles. A thick-skinned person gets cross-examined. There'll be last-minute chores to perform.

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- Exchanges dreidels (1)
- Censor Little Bo Peep's animals (1)
- More slender commandment breaker (2)
- Mexican beer in Ronce's hometown (3)
- "Under glass" birds' gifts (2)

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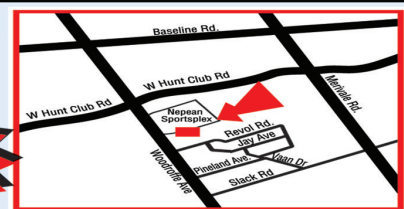
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